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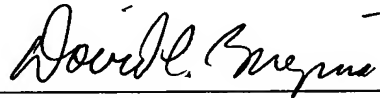
The European Patent Office English abstract of Application No. EP0579525 states "The method involves a stage of machining of the two flanks of the rim by removal of material to form two braking faces (20,21).The machining stage can involve turning or using a cutter (34). The machining stage can be performed on both flanks simultaneously. The rim can be formed of an aluminium profile with two lateral flanges (3,4) forming the flanks."

EP-0715001-A1 The European Patent Office English abstract of Application No. EP0715001 states "The process comprises bending an aluminium alloy profile produced by drawing or extrusion, followed by a chemical treatment stage which includes removing metal from the rim (2) by immersing it in a bath (52) of an aggressive chemical liq. (51), either an acid or an alkali. This is followed by rinsing in a second bath (54) contg. a rinsing liq. (53) then neutralising in a

third bath (56) contg. a sulphochromic neutralising agent (56), followed by a second rinsing stage in another rinsing bath (58). The aggressive chemical liq. can be either caustic soda or sodium sulphide, and the rim is supported in the bath at points on its sides."

The European Patent Office English Abstract of application No. EP0103724 states: "Wheel with a pneumatic tyre for bicycles, having a wheel rim, the bead seating surfaces (3) of which radially support the tyre and conically taper from the rim flanges (4) at an acute angle (α) relative to the axial direction, said surfaces being defined on the side by an encircling, hump-like raised portion (6) which extends towards a recessed, central rim region (2), characterized by the exclusive combination of the following features : a) the outer edge (16) of the hump-like raised portion (6) facing towards the adjacent tyre bead (15) inclines inwardly rectilinearly at an acute angle (ϕ) of an order of magnitude of between 20 degrees and 40 degrees relative to the radial direction ; b) the inner edge (26) of the hump-like raised portion (6) remote from the adjacent tyre bead extends in a curved manner along the line of a circular arc portion having a radius (r) of an order of magnitude corresponding to the axial width of the tyre bead (15) ; c) the maximum diameter (D) of the hump-like raised portion (6) is substantially identical to the maximum diameter of the bead seating surface (3) in the transitional region extending to the rim flange (4)."

Respectfully submitted,



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